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Their Task In the Submerged Maine Is Difficult.

COURT OF INQUIRY VISITS WRECK

Another of the Victims of the Disaster Succumbs to His Injuries—The Bodies That Have Been Recovered Are Very Much Mutilated.

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—The court of inquiry opened at half past 10 and took a recess at half past 12. Lieutenant G. F. W. Holman, navigator and ordnance officer of the Maine, was examined at the morning session. The court met for the afternoon session at half past 1 and Lieutenant Commander R. Wainwright, executive officer of the Maine was called to the witness stand. Lieutenant Commander Wainwright has been in immediate charge of the wreck since the explosion.

Four divers are at work, two in the fore part of the ship and the others aft. The task is most laborious, and the men are naturally extremely careful as they have had to work in complete darkness, and several have had bad falls. Electric lights, worked from the Mangrove, are now available, and much good is expected from them. Nearly all the possible salvage has now been made from the cabin aft. The efforts to reach the ward and mess rooms are frustrated by some unknown obstacle. It is expected to find bodies in these rooms. Two cases of 10-inch ammunition have been found, one having exploded and the other full of powder. These were found forward.

The work of securing the bodies under the hatch has been most difficult in the

and the vessel herself, if that be practicable. The signing of the wrecking contract was the most important event of the day, and this concluded the officials closed up shop and went home to enjoy a respite from the rush of the past week.

Captain Sigsbee was heard from in a dispatch which indicates that close attention will be given to the coal bunkers by the naval court of inquiry at Havana. Officials unquestionably have been for some time preparing for any emergency that may arise, but appearances at the department would indicate that all necessary orders have already been given and that the situation is not one calling for immediate activity at Washington.

The Castine and Cincinnati, in accordance with orders made known some time ago, are to move much farther north to West Indian waters, and at Norfolk the monitor Terror has been ordered to be in readiness and may be sent to New York later. The senate passed a bill to add two artillery regiments to the strength of the army. This measure has been urged for many months by officials of the war department, who foresaw that, while congress of late years had taken measures for the protection of our coasts by considerable appropriations for defensive works and great guns, it had not provided the men necessary to operate these engines of war. Should the house pass the bill it will enable the department to carry out plans it has long had in view.

Legislative provision for the relief of the victims of the Maine disaster occupied the house committee on naval affairs all day, a general measure being agreed on late in the afternoon similar to the relief measure that followed the Samoa disaster in 1889. The resolution will be finally passed upon at a special meeting of the committee and immediately reported by Chairman Boultelle and its passage by the house expedited.

LESSON OF THE MAINE.

Captain Mahan Speaks of the Self Control of All on Board.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 23.—At the dinner of the Society of the Cincinnati last evening among those who spoke were Dr. T. M. Cheeseman, President Patton, Dr. Shields, William Potter, William Hornblower and Captain Mahan, U. S. N., retired.

Captain Mahan paid a glowing tribute to Captain Sigsbee of the Maine as a man and an officer. Of the men of the Maine he said they were worthy of the commander they had, and that was saying a great deal. The actions of the survivors, both officers and men, showed the careful training they had. Their self possession and presence of mind under the horrifying conditions that existed that night showed perfect control and discipline.

Captain Mahan expressed disapproval of the alarmist actions of some persons and hoped the efforts to stir up more ill feeling than already existed would cease. He hoped all would wait until the facts were known.

To Strengthen National Guard.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Major General Snowden, commander of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, has issued general orders to every officer in the state to recruit his command up to the full quota required by law. The orders were issued five days ago, with instructions that they be kept a profound secret. The officers were instructed to have their men ready to march fully armed and equipped at 24 hours' notice.

Neither officers nor men will talk of the preparations that are going on because, they say, it is against military regulations, but the work of recruiting men, inspecting arms and ammunition and the general air of activity at the different armories speaks for itself. The National Guard of Pennsylvania comprises nearly 9,000 men.

Gun Carriages Being Built.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 23.—Work on the big government contract is now under rapid headway at the Otis Steel works. Five enormous gun carriages are being constructed there. They are for 13-inch guns, to be used on United States battleships. A similar carriage was completed some time ago and shipped east, where it met the approval of the navy department. General Manager Bartol of the Otis plant says that orders have been received to complete five more of the carriages.

Wrecking Tug Sails For Havana.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 23.—The wrecking tug Right Arm, which has been hired by the government, left for Havana harbor last night to work on the hull of the Maine. The torpedo boats Ericsson and Cushing have made frequent trips to the New York and Iowa, now off Sand Key, with dispatches. Rear Admiral Seward, with several officers of the New York and the Iowa, has spent part of the day on shore.

Woodford to Banquet Sagasta.

MADRID, Feb. 23.—United States Minister Woodford was received in audience by the queen regent. Minister Woodford will give a banquet tomorrow to Senor Sagasta, the premier, and the other members of the cabinet; Senor Polo y Bernabe, the new Spanish minister to the United States, and other members of the diplomatic corps.

A squadron of torpedo boats has left Cadiz for Havana harbor.

Orders For Connecticut Militia.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 23.—All the commanders of the Connecticut national guard have received a special order sent out by Adjutant General Haven. They have aroused the military officers because all the captains are ordered to secure complete lists of the addresses of their men to keep them upon their person. Another order states that all the rifles are to be kept ready for immediate use.

They Don't Want to Strike.

LEWISTON, Me., Feb. 23.—The mule spinners of this city and Auburn have voted not to take any part in the general strike which was recommended by the textile unions at a meeting in Boston ten days ago.

Charged With Breaking a City Law.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 23.—Joseph Steinberg has been arrested on the charge of violating a health ordinance by expectorating in a street car.

Spaniard Consul General Baldasano visited Captain Eulate on board the Spanish warship Vizcaya yesterday. Thousands of persons went to Tompkinsville to try to get a view of the cruiser, but the fog was in the way. The vessel was decorated, and a salute was fired in honor of Washington's birthday.

Want Gun In a Hurry.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 23.—The American Ordnance company has received an order for guns which is accompanied by considerable mystery. The order is for 46 6-pound rapid fire hotchkiss guns, to be delivered at once. The order came from E. W. Very, vice president of the ordnance company, in Washington.

Cannibals Ordered to Barbados.

GENEVA, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Mrs. John Craven of this city, wife of Fourth Officer Craven of the United States cruiser Cincinnati, has received a dispatch from her husband stating that the Cincinnati has been ordered to the Barbados from Montevideo and will probably leave port at once.

DONNELLY-HANSON.

The Author-Lecturer and His Typewriter Married In Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—The marriage of Miss Marion Olive Hanson and Ignatius Donnelly was solemnized yesterday with much pomp and ceremony. The nuptials were celebrated in the Norwegian Methodist church, which was completely filled with an audience of about 600, who evinced a deep interest in the affair. The church had been handsomely decorated by the Epworth league of the church, of which Miss Hanson has been an active worker. A notable feature of the decorations was the mingling of the flags of Norway with the union jack and of the United States, which were used conspicuously.

The floral decorations were carried out in green and white. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. Jacobson. Mr. Donnelly was attended by J. A. Sutherland as best man and Mahon B. Burke and J. M. Hawthorne of St. Paul as groomsmen. The bride entered on the arm of her father and was preceded by her maid of honor and eight bridesmaids. Her gown was a heavy ivory satin with full court train.

The marriage was followed by a small dinner at the Nicolet House, and from 2 to 4 o'clock a reception was held at the hotel, to which a large number of guests had been invited. Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly left last night for an eastern trip of six weeks' duration and on their return will reside at Ninglins, Dakota county. The bride, who is 22 years of age, has been for about two years Mr. Donnelly's stenographer.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

There has been another shooting affray at Skagway, Alaska.

The death of Charles W. Day, formerly of Buffalo, is reported from Honolulu. Lehigh university beat Lafayette by 67 points to 29 in an athletic competition.

Three Italian workmen were killed yesterday by an explosion of dynamite in a stone quarry at Philadelphia.

Representative Overstreet of Indiana has introduced a bill in congress establishing a military post at or near Indianapolis.

The will of C. J. Sloat of Middletown, N. Y., leaves his estate of several thousand dollars to Miss Annie M. King of Taunton, Mass.

Edward Rosenfeld, who contracted to transport the government supplies from Dyea to Dawson City, has been arrested at Portland, Or.

At the weekly meeting of the Congregational ministers in Kansas City, General William Booth and the Salvation Army were severely criticized.

Gold Hunters In Trouble.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 23.—A party of 40 Massachusetts men who are partners in an Alaska venture under the name of the Worcester and Northwest Mining and Trading association of Alaska are ready to leave for Alaska, but their outfitts have been attached by the sheriff in a suit brought by the Pacific Steam Whaling company of San Francisco. The complaint alleges that the party engaged passage on the steamer Alliance for Copper river, but just before the steamer sailed refused to go on her. The steamship company claims to have been damaged in the sum of \$1,360.

Negro Postmaster Killed.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 23.—A special from Lake City, S. C., to the Evening Post says: "Postmaster Baker, a negro, and his child were shot to death and their bodies cremated. It is said that a mob numbering several hundred surrounded Baker's house, where the post office is kept, set fire to the building and opened fire with guns upon it. Baker's wife, his two daughters and one son were seriously wounded. All the wounded are maimed for life, and the two girls may lose their arms. All of the mail matter was totally destroyed. There is no clue to the composition of the mob."

Charges G. T. R. With Conspiracy.

MONTREAL, Feb. 23.—Mr. D. McNeil, general passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific railroad, says that the cut in their local passenger rates is not made because the Grand Trunk is cutting theirs, but because the Grand Trunk is conspiring with the western roads to undermine the general business of the Canadian Pacific.

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Convict Stabs a Guard.

CANON CITY, Colo., Feb. 23.—Frank McPherson, a guard in the penitentiary, has been fatally stabbed with a knife by Charles Reynolds, a prisoner serving a term for burglary. Reynolds had refused to obey orders and had been reported by the guard.

THE STATE OF CUBA.

Senator Morgan Presents a Document to the Senate.

THE VIEWS OF CAPITALIST KOOP.

Senate Almost Unanimously Passes a Bill Providing For the Enrollment of Two Additional Regiments of Artillery.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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Eulogy of First President by Mr. McKinley.

HIS GENIUS FOR STATESMANSHIP

Without Precedent or Predecessor He Welded the Scattered Colonies Into a Firm Union—Leading Points of His Farewell Address.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—President McKinley delivered the principal address at the celebration of Washington's birthday at the University of Pennsylvania. He said in part:

"In its entirety Washington's public life is as familiar to the American student as the history of the United States. They are associated in holy and indissoluble bonds. The one is incomplete without the other. But with all our pride in Washington we do not infrequently fail to give him credit for his marvelous genius as a constructive statesman. We are constantly in danger of losing sight of the sweep and clearness of his comprehension, which accurately grasped the problems of the remote future and knew how to formulate the best means for their solution."

"It was committed to Washington to launch our ship of state. He had neither predecessor nor predecessor to help him. He welded the scattered and at times antagonistic colonies into an indestructible union and inculcated the lessons of mutual forbearance and fraternity which have cemented the states into still closer bonds of interest and sympathy. And how reverent always was this great man; how prompt and generous his recognition of the guiding hand of divine Providence in establishing and controlling the destinies of the colonies and the republic.

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The body was not that of Captain Dakin, judging from a master's certificate found in the clothing of the dead man. This certificate was issued at Newmouth, N. S., to John Cook and gave the year of the man's birth as 1843. The man was light complexioned and slightly bald. The little girl was also of light complexion and bore striking resemblance to the man. As the tug was ordered away from Wood's Holl the bodies were later taken ashore and given to the keeping of some of the residents to await the medical examiner.

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Eloped With an Indian.

GREAT FALLS, Mon., Feb. 23.—Major Fuller, agent of the Blackfoot Indians, has issued an order prohibiting Mrs. Garrett White, a teacher in the Fort Shaw Indian school, from living on the reservation. A month ago she eloped with White, a full blood Piegan Indian. She is a sister of the Rev. C. C. Bateman, army chaplain at Fort Belknap. As her return to the school was forbidden, Mrs. White has been compelled to accept a position as waitress in a hotel at Dupuyer to support herself and husband.

Cast Up by the Sea.

GLoucester, Mass., Feb. 23.—Two bodies, supposed to be from the ill-fated schooner Marcellus of Searsport, Me., which was wrecked off Dolly's neck during the blizzard of Feb. 1, were discovered on the beach yesterday a few hundred yards from where the wreckage came ashore. Both bodies were badly decomposed, and after being examined for marks of identification were taken to the receiving tomb.

Mrs. Vanvleck Gets a Separation.

BUFFALO, Feb. 23.—The bitterly contested divorce suit of Mrs. Marie Levan Vanvleck against George H. Vanvleck was decided yesterday by Justice Spring, who grants the plaintiff a decree of separation with an allowance of \$250 a month. Mrs. Vanvleck is ordered to leave the Vanvleck mansion on Delaware avenue on March 15, the date for the first payment of alimony.

The Phoenix Mystery Solved.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The mystery surrounding the robbery of the Texas and Southern railroad ticket office at Phoenix, A. T., about a month ago, at which time \$8,000 worth of tickets and \$700 in money were stolen, has been solved by the arrest and confession of Charles Collins here. Collins implicated J. M. Waterman, who is also under arrest. The robbery was a daring one.

A Case of Mysterious Poisoning.

GOVERNEUR, N. Y., Feb. 23.—John Young and wife and their son James, residents of Natural Dam, a lumbering suburb of this village, are ill from some mysterious poisoning. Mr. Young's condition is serious, but it is thought that all three will recover. At their dinner Monday they had a can of chipped beef, and it is believed that this was responsible for their illness.

Alleged Confidence Gang Arrested.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Edward Schultz, Peter Raven, Harry Wright and William Prendergast, said by the police to be four of the cleverest confidence men in the country, were arrested yesterday charged with swindling Christian Wuster of Dawson, Neb., out of \$3,000 in currency and \$2,000 in checks.

The Martin Trial.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 23.—At the trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies the defense continued by putting witnesses on the stand who swore they were terrorized by the strikers. An old woman, aged 82, swore a striker had thrown a stone at her.

THE ASIA A WRECK?

Entire Crew of Twenty Men Probably Drowned.

A DISMANTLED HULL DISCOVERED.

Two Bodies, One of a Man and the Other of a Little Girl, Found Hanging to the Mizzen Rigging of the Derelict.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—There is scarcely a doubt that the British ship Asia, commanded by Captain G. N. Dakin, bound from Manila for this port, was wrecked somewhere in the vicinity of Nantucket during the gales of the past few days and that her entire crew of 20 men has perished.

This conclusion is not only borne out by wreckage, consisting of the stern of a boat with "Asia" painted on it, yards and other materials which were cast ashore by the sea at Monomoy, but Captain Hale of this city telegrams from Wood's Holl that while the tugboat E. V. McCaulley was steaming out to the barge Excelsior, which lies sunk on Handkerchief shoal, he saw positive evidence of the wreck of a large square rigged vessel and recovered two bodies from a portion of a dismantled hull.

Captain Hale stated that while near the Handkerchief lightship the tug passed through a large amount of wreckage, including bales of hemp, broken spars and broken ship timbers. Drifting in the midst of this mass was a portion of the wreck on which two bodies were lashed. It was discovered that the bodies were those of a man and a little girl, apparently 10 or 12 years old. They were fast in the mizzen chains.

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Populist Convention in Indiana.

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Death From Inhaling Steam.

FITCHBURG, Mass., Feb. 23.—John L. Jones and Felician Leblanc of Leominster died at the Hurban hospital as the result of scalding and inhaling steam by the blowing out of the plug in a boiler fused in harvesting ice at a pond in South Gardner. Lucien Farrar and G. H. Lawrence, also of Leominster, are also in the hospital seriously scalded through the action of the city fathers. Indications are that the game will be as popular as ever here.

Removal Sale!

ATLANTA, Feb. 23.—The city council of Atlanta has driven the last nail in the coffin of the antifootball craze which so firmly possessed the public a few months ago. At the time of the memorable killing of Gammon on the gridiron here last fall both the council and state legislature passed prohibitory laws. The legislative enactment has been repealed, and now the last obstacle to the sport has been removed by the action of the city fathers. Indications are that the game will be as popular as ever here.

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Michael to Become a Jockey.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—The Post-Dispatch announces the retirement of Jim Michael, the Welsh Rabbit, the greatest rider the field of bicycling has ever known. The Post-Dispatch has learned that Michael's trip to New York is for the sole purpose of entering the employment of Phil Dwyer as a jockey and riding his horses this season.

Mrs. Whitney's Condition Serious.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 23.—The condition of Mrs. William C. Whitney is evidently more serious than was at first thought. She is still insensible to all feeling in the upper part of her body, and only semiconscious. Dr. McGahan, the resident physician, is in attendance on her constantly.

Gas Explosion Results Fatally.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Edward Spencer and her daughter, Elizabeth, who were burned by a gas explosion in the cellar of their house at Mill Creek last week, have died from their injuries.

Reception to Ambassador White.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The reception of the United States ambassador, Mr. Andrew D. White, in honor of Washington's birthday, was attended by about 300 members of the American colony here.

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FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

CONCLUSION OF C. A. BURT'S INTERESTING LETTER.

Two Objections to the Good Roads Movement Answered—The Cost of a Beginning Invaluable to the Individual Taxpayer—Supervisors Must Decide Questions of Metal—A Broad and Liberal View of the Subject Necessary.

I have never heard of but two objections to this movement that were worthy of even passing notice. One is that it will increase our taxes, and the other that all will not be equally benefited. Taxation comes around to all property holders every year. Some years five to ten per cent. greater than the preceding year. We pay it without protest, though the increase may be for canal improvements, the building of a magnificent capitol at Albany, or for the building of eleemosynary institutions in various parts of the State, which but few of our people ever see and in which they have but little direct interest. But when we ask them to submit to an increased taxation for a like amount for that which they can see and use daily, and which will save them more than the increased taxes, add increased value to their property and other benefits too numerous to mention, many exclaim the burden will be greater than they can bear.

The truth is the people have not awakened to the importance of this issue. They do not understand it. If they had some good roads as an object lesson, as we today have in the condition of our roads an object lesson on our present system, its importance would be most apparent. The highways of to-day are those established by our forefathers over 100 years ago, and which succeeding generations have been content to keep passable. We want to-day good roads that are in accordance with the progress of the age and the increased intelligence of our people.

It is the manly man who when he finds he is in error freely confesses it. I met such a man a few days ago. He is a prominent farmer in the town of Goshen. He said he was opposed to this movement, and when asked why he replied he supposed it was because he had heard that it would greatly increase our taxes and it was for the benefit of gentlemen with fancy horses. I explained to him that as his farm was assessed for \$4,500 his increased taxes for the first 100 miles would be \$1.04. As to the second objection.

As the farmers of this county move over the roads over 200,000 tons per year I cannot see that in the use and benefits of good roads the gentlemen with fancy horses are in it to any very large extent. This man told me that years ago he came to Gothen 365 days of the year over a turnpike at a daily cost of twelve cents, or \$43.80 per year, and he was always willing to pay it as he got his money's worth. I asked him if he would be willing to pay \$10 per year to have such good roads all over Orange county. He replied that he would willingly pay twice the amount. This farmer has since joined the Horse and Road Improvement Association and is a missionary in the cause of good roads.

As to the claim that all will not be equally benefited. Of course in the building of the first 100 miles they cannot begin at every point, in front of each man's residence; that would be a physical impossibility. Some must most assuredly receive the benefit of the system sooner than others. I live in the town of Goshen, but I care not whether they begin at Turners, Middletown, Warwick, Port Jervis or Newburgh. I live on a side road and it will be a long time before they reach my home, but there is one thing certain, they will never get there unless they make a start. In my former article I merely suggested that the first 100 miles be so built as to connect practically every town with the county seat. For fear of being misunderstood in this matter I desire to state that I am heartily in favor of this movement if not one mile of the first 100 is built in the town of Goshen. In viewing a matter of such vital importance as this our vision should not be so contracted that we cannot see beyond the confines of our own dooryard, or our few acres, or the town in which we reside. We do not take such a narrow view upon questions affecting the welfare of our State and nation. Why then should we have such a contracted vision upon matters affecting the best interests of our country?

There are a thousand different ways that have been presented by as many men as to the manner we should go to work to establish good roads, the routes the first 100 miles should take, and the manner in which they should be paid for and maintained. Each State has several laws, and no two States the same laws, bearing upon this important interest. The final settlement of all this rests with the Board of Supervisors, and it will be guided very much by skillful engineers selected for the work. Those having decided opinions bearing upon this subject will have an opportunity to present them to this body. The Road Improvement Association will be represented before that body by men of known ability, who from a systematic study of the subject in all its bearings, with the experience derived from all sections of the country, and the various views which are being expressed on every hand will present what will express the sentiments of the association and be for the best interests of all concerned. I do know that we have a sub-mot that as a foundation for good roads is not exerted in any section of our country. We have plenty of stone and gravel all along the routes, and the topography

of the county shows that a complete system of drainage can be obtained inexpensively.

There is a large class of our citizens that have large interests at stake who have the ability and influence to further any movement for the public good, but are either indifferent or will not make personal sacrifices in the way of time and money. There is another class who are opposed to any movement for reform that is not conceived and progressed on lines laid down by themselves. Our present Board of Supervisors, which will organize next month, is, I understand, one of unusual strength in ability, intelligence and business capacity. We can with perfect safety leave the details of this work in their hands, with full assurance that the problem will be solved by them in a manner that will conserve the best interests of all our people.

The necessity of something being done in this direction at this time must be apparent to all who use our highways. Present conditions are becoming unbearable.

Is it possible that there are conditions prevailing in Orange county that should make our wants in this important matter very different from other sections of the country? Is it possible that in this respect we hold a unique position in the world? I think not. I believe that no section of the United States could receive greater benefits from a system of good roads than Orange county. I believe it will develop all our resources, advertise our county, increase our manufacturing interests, increase the value of our property, induce those seeking rural homes to settle in our midst, fill our hotels and boarding houses with paying patrons many months of the year and add greatly to our happiness in many ways.

If the State of Indiana can find it profitable to build extensive and expensive roads, which the Governor of the State certifies have brought prosperity to all interests and happiness to all the people, I believe we would find the same results to follow a similar course in the rich and prosperous county of Orange, situated 50 miles from a city of 3,500,000 inhabitants, the second city of the world.

C. A. BURT.

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WURTSBORO.

Dramatic Entertainment—Attending a Funeral—Damage by the Ice Storm—Surveying at Yankee Pond—Chicken Supper—Other Notes.

Correspondence of ANGUS and MERCY.

"Border Land" a three-act drama, will be presented by home talent, Feb 24 and 25, for the benefit of the Wurtsboro Band.

Ex-postmaster Richard Dey, Miss Anna and Miss Rose Branigan are at East Trenton, N. J., in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Branigan, mother of Miss Rose, and sister of Miss Katie.

A Kickapoo Medicine troupe is giving nightly performances at Dorrance Hall, this week.

The O. and W. "Summer Homes" book will have a greater representation from this station, this year, than ever before.

Ralph Tyler, of Cochecton, is visiting editor Hutchings.

The ice storm of Sunday did much damage to fruit trees, telegraph wires and on the mountains between this place and Rock Hill.

The rain of Sunday raised the waters of Baskak Hill above the road near A. Remer's place.

The large elm tree at the end of the Dorrance Hall was cut down recently.

A corps of Delaware and Hudson surveyors is engaged with the local canal force in running the canal company's boundaries about Yankee Pond.

Mrs. John Fort, of Pine street, who is ill from a complication of diseases is better.

The Ladies Dime Society's (Reformed Church) hot chicken supper at Clarendon Inn, recently, netted about \$40. The weather was anything but pleasant and prevented many from attending.

Director W. F. R. Helem of the band has recently composed several marches, a song and dance etc. for the band. They are pronounced fully equal to many of the crack pieces of national repute. They will probably be published, before long, by some band music house.

Sheriff Fulton, wife and daughter Nellie, spent Sunday, in town.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Light snow, to-night; fair, Thursday; fresh southwesterly to westerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the reading of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store to-day:
7 a.m., 33°; 12 m., 43°; 3 p.m., 42°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Feb. 23.—Mr. Beane from Boston, at Casino
—Feb. 25—Keanan, Russel, Literary Club's lecture course
—Feb. 26—Spelling Match at St. Paul's Church
—Feb. 28—"The Wizard of the Nile," at Casino
—March 3, 4—Kinematograph exhibition, at Casino
—March 9—Gorton's famous New Orleans Minstrels, at Casino, under management of George Lee.
—March 17—Reception and ball of St. Patrick's Social Club, at Assembly Rooms
—March 17—Masquerade ball, given by "Billy" Alison, at Casino Theatre
—March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.
—April 15—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Col. C. A. Burt, of Goshen, in his letter printed in this paper, has presented in most readable form some strong arguments in favor of road improvement. It is not likely that anyone will attempt to assail any of his propositions for in all discussions of the subject the advantages of better roads are conceded. How the improvement is to be made where differences of opinion arise. The poverty of many Orange county farmers makes them instinctively assume a hostile attitude toward any proposition that seems to foreshadow an increase of taxation, even though they may plainly see how it will benefit them in the future; and the selfish instinct in every heart very naturally makes the resident of Greenville or Highlands object to paying for an improvement that will directly and immediately benefit only the central towns of the county.

On the other hand it may be set down as a certainty that if road improvement has to wait until its cost is borne by the properties most directly benefited—the farms abutting on the highways to be improved, it will never come.

State aid is the pet scheme of many, but the State has no money to spend on roads or for any other purpose that does not come from the pockets of the people through some form of taxation and the scheme of State aid has nothing to recommend it over a system of county improvement except the fact that the cities will have to contribute their share of what ever taxes are devoted to the betterment of country roads.

The subject is a wide one, for after the best and most equitable system of providing for the cost of the work has been agreed, on another question will arise as to what kind of road shall be built.

With the influential Orange County Horse and Road Improvement Association earnestly and intelligently working for better roads it is probable that road improvement in some form will be begun in this county at no distant day and, this being the case, there is no subject of more timely interest or greater local importance. And since the Association's plan of road improvement by the sale of county bonds is the only definite proposition now pending all discussion of the subject that is at all practical must centre around that plan.

WILL FIGHT FOR CUBA.

Dr. Pillsbury and Dr. Winant Mad-Speakers.

The Cuban meeting, which was held in the hall in Empire Block, Tuesday night, drew about fifty people. Dr. Burke Pillsbury was made chairman, and Constant Wood, Secretary.

Dr. Pillsbury, Dr. Winant and ex-Capt. Wood made addresses, and then a paper was opened for the signatures of those who want to fight Spain. It was signed by thirteen people. An adjournment was then taken until some future time.

Alarmed the Neighborhood.

An excited woman on Smith street, Monday afternoon, made so much noise and acted so queerly that the story started that she had attempted suicide. When the tale was investigated it was found to be only a case of domestic tumults.

Rush for Tickets.

There was a grand rush for seats for the "Wizard of the Nile," when the chart opened at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's.

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Would use Kemp's Balsom for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more cases of Cough, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup and all Throat and Lung Troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a Sample Bottle free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25c. and 50c.

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PARIS, Feb. 23.—Zola was found guilty on all counts and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and was also fined \$3,000 francs.

NO NEWS FROM HAVANA.

No Official Messages Received in Washington—No Official Warnings to Americans from Consul General Lee.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—No telegrams bearing on the Maine disaster have been received at either the Navy or State Departments, to-day. While there remains an air of expectancy among naval officers whenever there is the least suggestion of news from Havana, the Department appears to have settled down into its old routine.

The State Department authorizes the announcement that while Consul General Lee, in the course of friendly talks in Havana with Americans, may have expressed the opinion that there are at present places more desirable as resorts for persons who have no particular business there than Havana, the Department has not yet been advised that he has either officially or semi-officially delivered of any expression of the kind.

The department also denies that a hint has been conveyed to owners of American vessels at New Orleans, or elsewhere, that it would not be best for them to visit Cuban ports.

MANY SAILORS DROWNED.

Only Three of the Crew of the Ship Asia Saved.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 23.—The tug Mercury brings word that three of the crew of the ship Asia were rescued alive, yesterday, by the crew of the Handkerchief lightship. The men were taken from a piece of wreckage, upon which they had been floating for six hours. They report that the Asia struck on the great round shoal, off Nantucket, Monday, and went to pieces. It is believed that all except these three were lost, including Captain Dakin, wife and daughter.

AN AVALANCHE IN QUEBEC.

Four Persons Killed and One Injured—Two Houses Wrecked.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

QUEBEC, Feb. 23.—Four lives were lost by an avalanche of snow in South Quebec, last night. One house was crushed by the weight of the snow, while the upper stories of another house were cut off from the first story and overturned. In front of it, upon the street, a man named Angers and two children were taken out dead. Mrs. Angers is seriously injured. Mrs. James King is buried under the wreckage and is undoubtedly dead.

REUNION OF VETERANS.

The 1st N. Y. Mounted Rifles Hold Their Annual Gathering at Deckertown.

The reunion of the 1st N. Y. Mounted Rifles, held in Hornbeck's Hall, Deckertown, N. J., Tuesday, was one of the most successful ever held by the organization.

The first thing on the programme after the "boys" had exchanged greetings was an excellent supper given by the ladies of Deckertown. Addresses of welcome were made by the president of the association, Rev. E. A. Hamilton, and Mayor Decker.

Addressess were made by Col. Cole, of Jersey City, Col. Riley, of New York; Capt. Northrup, of New Jersey, and Sergt. Armstrong, of Brooklyn, who gave a graphic and interesting history of the regiment, and at the close of his remarks paid an eloquent tribute to Gen. Kilpatrick. He stated that while at West Point he learned that the general's grave there was still unmarked, and in behalf of the N. Y. M. R. donated \$100 toward a fund for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument, and immediately nearly \$500 was raised by the soldiers present.

Those present from Middletown were: Byron S. Dayton, of Troop D; George Gillett, of Troop C, and John D. Adams, who was an invited guest. Lucas Hall, of Ellenville, Troop C, and Gen. Hermans, of New York city, a Past Department Commander, of the U. V. U., were also present.

FUNERAL OF CHARLES E. FELTER.

Largely Attended at the First Baptist Church, to-day.

The funeral of the late Charles E. Felter was held at the First Baptist Church, this afternoon, and the church was filled. There were delegations of Grand Army men and railroad men in attendance. There was a long list of floral tributes. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, the bearers being: Philip Henry and Joseph Kniffin from the Union Veterans' Union; David H. Keder and John T. Ogde from Gen. Lyon Post, and J. H. Corkev and J. H. Close, representing the railroad men.

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OBITUARY.

John G. Picot.

John G. Picot, a well known mason, died at his home, No. 6 Smith street, this morning. He was a popular member of Ontario Hose Company, No. 5. He is survived by his wife and several children.

Ed. D. Welling.

Word has been received of the death at Phoenix, Arizona, on Saturday, of Ed. D. Welling, of Warwick, who last fall sought a change of climate in the hope of recruiting his health, which had become seriously impaired. Pulmonary trouble was the cause of death. Mr. Welling was about twenty-eight years of age.

Mrs. Elizabeth Youngs Clark.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Youngs Clark, widow of the late Wm. H. Clark, whose death occurred at the home of her son, Wm. J. Clark, on the Lower Road, Sunday evening, Feb. 20th, was the daughter of the late Wm. O. and Elizabeth (Youngs) Little. She was born near Oxford, Orange county, N. Y., Oct. 18th, 1818. On Feb. 15th, 1838, she married Wm. H. Clark, of Unionville, and for a short time they lived on a farm near Unionville, known as the Cook farm. Afterward they moved to Unionville where her husband engaged in the mercantile business.

In 1848 they moved to the Pellet's Island farm, near the Walkill, and since then her home has been in that vicinity. She lived for four years at Ridgebury and for the last seven years with her son, Wm. J. Clark, on the farm of the late James V. Clark.

Her life was that of a true Christian. She always had a firm faith and trust in the Savior that enabled her to be cheerful at all times; no trouble or suffering was so hard but she knew it was for the best, no struggle within but there was cheer in her presence for all around her.

Her life has been an example worthy of all who knew her to follow, and no one knew her but to love her. Her children and her grandchildren rise up and call her blessed.

She is survived by four children: S. Frank Clark, of slate Hill; Mrs. Kate E. Cummings, of Ridgebury; A. Youngs Clark, of Pellet's Island, and Wm. J. Clark, with whom she lived; also a sister, Julia, wife of David R. Clark, who is a brother of her husband. For the last fourteen years she has been a member of the Ridgebury Presbyterian Church, in which her husband was for eight years a ruling elder, after filling the same office for thirty years in the Denton Presbyterian Church.

The funeral took place, Wednesday, at 11 a. m., at her son's, Wm. J. Clark's, the old Clark homestead. Interment in the Clark burial plot on Pellet's Island.

HYMENEAL.

Gr. gory - Van Ness.

A quiet home wedding occurred at 2:30, this afternoon, at the residence of William Van Ness, 66 Academy avenue, with his daughter, Miss Anna G. Van Ness became the wife of Wilbur Smith Gregory, of near Eight-and-a-Half Station.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. John Greenleaf Oakley, pastor of the Centenary M. E. Church, Washington avenue and 166th street, New York city. The bridegroom was Miss Edith May Van Ness, sister of the bride, and the groomsmen was Abel Mosher, of Campbell Hall. The house was prettily trimmed with evergreens and flowers for the event. The wedding march was played by Miss Amstalden, and the couple were married under a floral bower.

They will leave on Erie No. 7, to-night, for Niagara Falls.

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—Dinner room and west door.
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—Dr. Volk will be in town, March 3.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stewart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
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—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

—The Gormans in "Mr. Beane from Boston" at the Casino, to-night.

—Remember George Kennan's lecture on Russia at Congregational Church, Friday evening.

—Do you want to laugh to-night? If so, see "Mr. Beane from Boston" at the Casino, to-night.

—A special meeting of Ontario Hose company, will be held to-night, to take action upon the death of John Picot.

—At a Sunday night fire in Birmingham, Heunessey Bros., cigar dealers, who are well known here, were burned out.

—Grand Chief Templar Hooker will be present at the meeting of Excelsior Lodge, I. O. G. T., to-morrow, Thursday evening.

—The Gormans who made all the world laugh in "Gillbooleys Abroad" will play "Mr. Beane from Boston" at the Casino, to-night.

—Friday evening, Feb. 25, and not Thursday evening, as published yesterday, is the date of George Kennan's lecture on Russia at the First Congregational Church.

—George Keenan, who lectures on Russia, Friday evening, at the Congregational Church, is conceded to know more about Russia than any one in this country. His lecture will interest and instruct and will be well worth hearing. Tickets may be had at Hamord & Horton's.

PERSONAL.

—Harry Stevenson, of Paterson, is in town visiting friends.

—Miss Dora Bosout, of Jersey City, who attended the K of P. reception with Miss Birtwhistle, Tuesday night, returned home to-day.

—The ARGUS is in receipt of an invitation to attend a re-union of Eagle Hose Company at the Assembly Rooms, Wednesday evening, March 2d.

—Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Miller, of Chester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Emma Newcome, to Richard A. Kipp, of Goshen.

—Albert E. Phillyer, Dept. Com. N. Y. and N. J. U. V. U., and Judge Advocate General Ritchie, of New York city, are guests of Capt. Fuller Command, to-day.

—The New Jersey Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of \$10,000 against the Paterson Railway Company, recovered by Hugh Murray for the loss of his three-year-old son's leg.

—Eric Operator Harry W. Tuthill, who is said to be interested in the new railway journal to be published in this city, is spending a few days in New York. Ira Brink, of Pine Bush, is filling the position in the depot in his absence.

—Charles D. Burdett, purser of the steamer Old Dominion, of the Old Dominion Line, was in this city, Tuesday, accompanied by H. S. Chardavoyne and Henry J. Yerg, of Goshen. Mr. Burdett was the purser on the ill-fated Wyanokee, which sank off Newport News in April, 1896, when Messrs. Chardavoyne and Yerg were on board.

Rondout Valley Railway Franchise Granted.

The State Railroad Commission has granted an application of the Kingston and Rondout Valley Railway Company for permission to build a steam road twenty-six miles long, from Ellenville to Kingston in Ulster county. The money to build the road is to be supplied by New York capitalists.

Death of a Veteran.

From Our Gothen Correspondent.

Philip O'Neal, a veteran of the Civil War, died early Tuesday morning, at his home on Greenwich street. The deceased was about sixty-five years of age and for a number of years was employed at the Stony Ford Stock Farm. He had suffered for a long time from cancer. A widow survives him.

Returned to Scranton, To-day.

Rose Surdam, Ed. Clark and Wm. Welsh, of Scranton, who have been guests of Miss Hattie Hulse, returned home, to-day. At the encue party given in their honor the ladies' prizes fell to the Misses Fanny and Clara Johnson. The lucky young gentlemen were Mr. Welsh, of Scranton, and Dan. Towner, of this city.

At Foreclosure sale.

A. V. N. Powelson, referee, sold, to-day, at the Holding House, the Fannie J. Aumick property of twenty-one and a half acres in the town of Minisink. It was bid in for \$200 by the plaintiff, Eber L. Brown, who holds two mortgages, one for \$400 and the other for \$500, on each of which three years' interest is due.

Buried in Hillside Cemetery.

—Charles Brown, who was found asleep in a snow bank, on East avenue, Tuesday, was fined \$5, this morning, which he paid.

Symencel Notes.

—The wedding of Harriet Alice, daughter of Lester T. Lester, and Floyd W. Strong, of Syracuse, occurs at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

LANCELOT LODGE'S RECEPTION.

The Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the Order Mithimnae Celebrated—Beautiful Decorations—An Attractive Programme, Followed by a Supper and Dance—Chester Knights and Ladies Present.

Lancelot Lodge, No. 109, Knights of Pythias, celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the order, Tuesday night at its Castle Hall, and a number of friends were invited to participate. If this particular lodge room needed anything to make it the finest lodge room in this section of the State it was the attention of Florist Bartholomew. Finer decorations than were produced by him on this occasion have not been seen at any public event in this city. Potted plants, Virginia smilax and cut flowers were used in profusion and with fine effect, and on the north station was a large badge of the order in flowers, the letters "F. C. B." being set in a floral background of red, white and blue. The chandeliers, pictures of past chancellors, etc., were all trimmed with smilax.

The Knights made a splendid showing and their committee men were especially attentive to their duties, and each visitor was made at home within the portals.

The programme of the evening included an address by Rev. J. Newton Emery, violin selections by Miss Lottie Wells, which were heartily applauded, well played selections by the Harmonica Club, and vocal selections by D. D. Eilenberger.

The supper which followed the literary and musical programme was by no means secondary to it. The ladies had arranged the tables prettily in the banquet hall, and they were occupied three times before all had feasted.

Dancing followed and was continued until a late hour.

During the evening Osterhout took a flashlight picture of the scene. The Chester contingent went home on Erie No. 12, at 4:49 a.m.

This morning liberal allowances of refreshments were sent the following sick members: Gabriel Tuthill, Samuel Foster, Wm. Randall and Benj. Robshaw.

Among those in attendance were the following knights from Chester, and a number of ladies: W. F. Dewey, T. A. Weller, H. B. Smith, C. G. Crist, F. S. Decker, W. W. Bacon, E. M. Lausing, J. H. Smith, H. L. Decker, Ira D. Cannon, H. Hudson, E. M. Thompson, Dr. E. D. Buckman, John McGrath, and John Ryan.

The committees in charge of the affair were as follows:

General Committee—J. T. Robertson, M. B. Van Fleet, F. W. Brown, M. B. Bartholomew, George Pierson, W. J. Confort.

Reception Committee—J. G. Harding, C. E. Mance, N. W. Wood, Thomas Desmond, A. B. Wilbur, W. N. Knapp, E. J. Vaughan, J. E. Gibbe, C. L. Elwood.

Floor Committee—W. A. Vail, C. Dickison, G. Van Schaick, C. H. Sharpe, Charles Dawson, Frank Miller, W. B. Ketcham.

Supper Committee—Mesdames M. B. Van Fleet, DeWitt Osborn, Charles Woodward, E. J. Vaughan, John Young, Oscar Terwilliger, A. Y. Harris, Wm. Shannon, Chas. Van Schaick and C. C. V. Ketcham.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

The Minisink Valley Historical Society Elkins Office.

The annual meeting of the Minisink Valley Historical Society was held in Port Jervis, Tuesday. Rev. Dr. Mills was elected president; W. H. Neupras, corresponding secretary; Dr. W. L. Cuddeback, recording secretary; Dr. F. Van Loewen, treasurer.

Rev. D. F. Bonner, of Florida, and C. H. Woodward, of Hawley, Pa., were elected corresponding members. Al. Marvin and George Farum were elected resident members.

Many valuable documents were presented to the society by James Elston, Horton Easton, Dr. W. L. Cuddeback, Mrs. Benj. Van Fleet; Mrs. Julieth Wilkin and Miss May Osborn, both of Otisville, and others. The thanks of the society were tendered to the donors.

J. V. Morrison, of Wurtsboro, read a paper on the history of Leni Lenape Indians, which was extremely interesting.

SHOWING ACETYLENE GAS.

Maybee and Lane, the State Agents, Are In Town.

J. J. Maybee and J. W. Lane, of Roscoe, agents for this State for the Bonnivony Gas Machine, have been at the Russell House since Monday afternoon, giving exhibitions of the working of acetylene gas. The exhibitions have been visited by a large number of people, who have listened with interest to the technical explanations of the method by which this perfect light is produced, as presented by J. N. Goldammer, a patent lawyer of New York city, who is also interested in the patent on this machine.

It is claimed that this light is cheaper than oil, and many experts in lighting have looked at the exhibit, to-day.

A DISABLED TROLLEY CAR.

Car No. 8 broke her trolley pole at the Sprague avenue bridge at the 11:30 trip to Goshen was abandoned, to-day. The disabled car, with about a dozen passengers on board, was assisted uptown.

BURIED IN HILLSIDE CEMETERY.

The body of the late Barney Perry was brought to this city from Orr's Mills on the O. and W. Day Express, this morning, and was interred in Hillside Cemetery.

The need of a good Spring Medicine is almost universal and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's.

MRS. CLEMSON'S RECEPTION.

The Young People of the City Enjoy the Hospitality of Mrs. Delightful Clemson on Highland Avenue.

Tuesday evening, Mrs. Geo. N. Clemson, in honor of her nieces, Miss Maude Alfredine Davis and Miss Lucile Brown, the latter of Jersey City, entertained fifty of their young friends in the attractive and spacious home on Highland avenue.

The rooms were very tastefully decorated by Bartholomew in appropriate red, white and blue, the national colors, and with a profusion of potted plants and flowers. Southern smilax was also very prettily and effectively draped about the columns and arches. By the way, this is probably the first time that the southern smilax has ever been seen in Middletown.

The hostess and her nieces were assisted in receiving by Mrs. W. W. Taylor.

Dancing was enjoyed to the music of Bright's orchestra with the addition of a clarinet from the West Point band.

During the evening the guests were taken at intervals into the dining room where they were served with refreshments. In this room the decorations were very patriotic, comprising red, white and blue ribbons draped from the center of the ceiling to the corners of the table.

The cream was served in the form of George Washington hatchets, and other appropriate designs.

It was about 1:30 a.m., when the pleased guests had adied to their kind entertainers who had given them the opportunity to spend the night so enjoyably.

A LECTURE ON RUSSIA.

George Kennan's Lecture, Friday Evening, Will be Very Near Me.

It is to be hoped that the people of Middletown realize the greatness of the opportunity which the appearance of George Kennan, the great traveler, will bring to them on Friday evening next.

Mr. Kennan is the one man in the world to-day outside of Russia thoroughly conversant with the social and political condition of that vast empire, for he has traveled through it from end to end, and that he kept his eyes and ears wide open as he went along, his brilliant articles in the Century abundantly attest.

It will be a damning reflection upon the intelligence of our city if this distinguished traveler, who has lectured before the universities of Europe, and all the great literary and educational gatherings of our own country, is not welcomed to our city by a large and representative audience.

Mr. Kennan will describe his Russian experiences, next Friday evening, in the First Congregational Church. He will appear in Russian costume.

WALLKILL COUNCIL'S BALL.

Brew a Large Crowd to the Assembly Room, Tuesday Night.

The first annual ball of Wallkill Council, No. 92, Jr. O. U. A. M., was held at the Assembly Room, Tuesday night, and was largely attended. McWilliams' orchestra furnished the music for dancing.

The committee were:

Committee of Arrangements—James F. Hallock, chairman; Joseph D. Brinkerhoff, Henry C. Loveland, Robert W. Lindsay, Jacob S. Ballman.

Floor Committee—Jacob S. Ballman, floor manager; Robert W. Lindsay, Joel B. Wheeler, James S. Browning.

A NEEDLESS ALARM.

Sent in from Box 54, shortly After Noon, to-day.

The ashes from the steam heating apparatus are dumped in the cellar of the Low Block and, to-day at 12:30 o'clock, when the janitor dumped some on the heap a thin smoke went up through the hole in the floor in Shannon's store, burned at the recent fire. Mr. Shannon became alarmed and sent a boy to ring up box 54, and the department quickly responded.

Chief Higham investigated and then sent in the recall.

DRUMMED FOR PATIENTS.

Dewitt Drum Corps Give a Fine Entertainment at the State Hospital.

Dewitt Drum Corps repeated the entertainment recently given at the Casino, in the State Hospital Hall, Tuesday night



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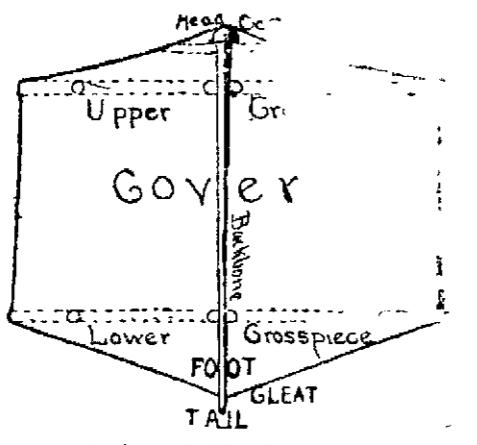
To Be Used in Raising an Ill-fated British War Ship.

The ingenious scheme which has been talked of for raising the ill-fated Victoria of the British navy, which now lies at the bottom of the Mediterranean sea, in 450 feet of water, off the harbor of Tripoli, has called attention to the possibilities in the employment of powerful magnets for raising iron and steel vessels sunk in deep water—too deep to admit of the use of divers. The weight of this wreck in water is estimated at 7,000 tons. It is suggested that powerful hydraulic rams and dynamo machines and a series of electromagnets be arranged on pontoons at the scene of the wreck. A magnet lowered over the side and coming within reasonable distance of the sunken vessel would be drawn toward it, and would stick with a power of 100 tons to any part of its iron or steel with which it came into contact. As each magnet-made attachment, which would be indicated by means of an electric dial on the pontoon, a trial pull would be given to the rope to ascertain whether a connection had been made to a firm part of the wreck. Were this test not satisfactory, the magnet would come off, and its position would be charged until a firm grip had been made. When all the magnets had been fixed, the wreck would be ready for raising. Each lifting rope would be attached to the lifting pontoon by means of a sheave on the head of a hydraulic lifting ram with a 12-foot stroke, which would give an effective lift of 24 feet. Each hydraulic cylinder on the pontoon would be in connection with all the others, and a balancing accumulator would prevent any rope getting more than normal strain of 100 tons. When the rams had made their full stroke, the lifting ropes would all be simultaneously held in position. The rams would then be lowered and another lift of 24 feet given to the wreck, which, as it reached the surface, would be towed to shallower water and then beached.

KITE EXPERIMENTS.

Devices Submitted to the British Aeronautical Society.

At the late meeting of the Aeronautical society, the most practical suggestion was a military kite by Capt. Baden Powell. This is an ingenious application of the lifting force of the ordinary kite, by multiplying the number and area of the kites according to the weather. Capt. Baden Powell managed to raise an office into the air as to enable



BADEN-POWELL KITE.

A complete survey of several miles of country. The value of such an apparatus in time of war could hardly be exaggerated. Capt. Baden Powell also exhibited a gliding apparatus, a sort of flying machine, composed of a bamboo framework and canvas. This, however, has not progressed much beyond the theoretical stage, and it remains to be seen how it will work in practice.

The soaring apparatus exhibited by Mr. Pilcher is perhaps the most perfect of its kind. It consists of two large lateral wings, attached to a framework of bamboo. It is similar in character to the soaring machines invented by Herr Lilienthal, of Berlin, by which the inventor unfortunately met his death. Mr. Pilcher, however, claims to have discovered a method of preventing eurys of air from getting under and upsetting the machine, as was the case with Herr Lilienthal.

Maj. Moore, R. E., who was the third speaker, is the inventor of an ingenious electric motor, which he claims will prove invaluable in aerial navigation. It is as close a reproduction of the art of flying as has yet been achieved. It contains a number of powerful springs which cause the sails of a flying machine to open and shut in imitation of the action of a bird's wings.

Individuals as Magnets.

Recent French experiments have developed the curious and unexpected fact that certain persons possess a magnetic polarity—that is, they act as magnets, having north and south poles. Such a person, when completely undressed and placed near a sensitive galvanometer, will, when turned on a vertical axis, cause a deflection in one direction and then in the opposite, just as a magnet would. All persons do not possess this polarity. Prof. Musani, an Italian, upon whom the experiment was tried, exhibited this phenomenon, and it was found that his breast corresponded to a north pole and his back to a south pole.

Air Impregnated with Salt.

One of the features of the new hospital building in Berlin is to be a large room in which patients with maladies of the respiratory organs can breathe air artificially impregnated with salt.

We Will All Be Insane.

An English statistician has figured out that in the year 2301 there will be no further use for insane asylums, for there will be no sane persons left to look up the crazy ones.

The Size of the Ocean.

If the whole ocean were dried up all the rivers of the world would have to pour their waters into its basin for 40,000 years before it would again be full.



There is a fascination about a vigorous, healthy woman, which touches every heart. Physical weakness is a great drawback to a woman's social success. As she loses healthiness, she loses attractiveness. A woman had even better be too stout than too thin; but either extreme shows a lack of healthy condition.

If you are not physically up to the mark, appetite uncertain, digestion poor and a general sense of weakness and incapacity, you will find the robust health and energy you need in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It renews the blood with the vital life-giving red corpuscles which drive out all morbid elements, and create new tissue, hard muscular flesh and active nerve force.

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Mrs. Ella Howell, of Derby, Ind., writes: "In the year of 1894 I was taken with stomach trouble—nervous dyspepsia. There was a coldness in my stomach, and a weight which seemed like a rock. Everything that I ate gave me great pain; I had a bearing down sensation, and I could not swallow. My heart had a throb around my right side, and in a short time I was bloated. I was treated by three of our best physicians but got no relief. Then Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery was recommended to me and I got it, and commenced the use of it. I began to feel a change for the better. I could not eat, sleep nor rest, and it seemed as if I could not exist. At the end of six months I was reduced to but a shadow of myself, and at last my heart became affected and I was truly miserable. I took six or eight bottles of Dr. Miles' Nervine. It gave me relief from the start, and at last a cure, the greatest blessing of my life."

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Heard at Grace Church by a Delighted Audience.

Correspondent *Argus and Mercury*.

The org in recital at Grace Church, last night, proved to be a very enjoyable affair and attracted a large number of the lovers of music. The alarm of fire caused a slight interruption, but the attention of the congregation returned to the music as soon as it was learned that the conflagration was not serious.

The programme covered the widest possible range and variety, and was not for one moment tedious or monotonous. Mr. Wickham's heavier and more classical selections were Bach's E Flat Prelude and the Second Sonata by Gounod. The Mendelssohn Jagerlied and the Buck March, together with Bataille's Offertoire de St. Cecilia formed a group of more brilliant compositions, while the transcriptions from Bohm and Cramer were charmingly light and delicate.

Of Mr. Downs too much cannot be said in commendation. A finer vocalist is seldom heard, and his singing last evening was an unequalled treat. We do not know whether to mention the Sullivan aria, Stainer's "King Ever Glorious," or "Jesus, Jesu, Misere," by Nevin, as our favorite. Mr. Down's singing evinces not only great natural ability, but highly trained vocal powers. He is evidently a hard worker, for such artistic production does not come of itself. We would be glad to welcome this talented gentleman to Middletown again in the near future.

The next recital will take place shortly after Easter Day. Below we print last night's programme in full:

Bach Prelude in E flat..... Mr. Wickham
Mendelssohn—Jagerlied..... Mr. Wickham
Sullivan—"How Many Hired Servants from The Prodigal Son..... Mr. Downs
Two Transcriptions—a Bohemian Impromptu..... Mr. Wickham
Bach—Trumpet March..... Mr. Wickham
Gounod—Sonata No. 2 in D. Op. 60 Mr. Wickham
Stainer—"King Ever Glorious," from the "Crucifixion..... Mr. Downs
Impromptu on a Given Theme..... Mr. Downs
Nevin—Jesus, Jesu, Misere..... Mr. Downs
Bataille—Offertoire de St. Cecilia, No. 2..... Mr. Wickham

MISSIONARY UNION ELECTION.

Ladies of the Universalist Society Heard Encouraging Report.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Union of the Universalist Church was held at the parsonage, Tuesday afternoon. The reports of the officers were read, and the figures and facts were very encouraging to the members. They showed that the \$1,000 which the ladies had agreed to raise for the church lot fund had been secured. The officers elected were:

President—Mrs. J. Newell Emery.
Vice President—Mrs. Edwin Fancher.
Secretary and Collector—Miss Florence Nearing.

Literary, Social, Lookout and Relief committees were appointed as follows:

Lookout Committee—Mmes Herman Brower, James Gale, Edward McCoy.

Literary Committee—Mmes E. A. Brown, George N. Clemson, W. Thatcher Fish.

Social Committee—Mmes E. Miller, W. C. Rogers, E. Fancher.

Relief Committee—Mmes C. L. Porter, James E. Gibbs.

A SURPRISED PARTY.

How a Clergyman Entertained Guests at His Home.

From the Port Jervis Union.

The following incident occurred recently in a locality not far from Port Jervis, and is vouches for by a reliable correspondent of the *Union*. A party of about thirty young people assembled at the home of a clergyman to enjoy, what in common parlance is known as a "Surprise Party." The rest of the story is given in the language of our correspondent himself.

"The clergyman received the guests with great cordiality and when they were seated, took his bible, chose a text, preached a sermon and after offering up a prayer gave them some practical advice and censured them. It is needless to say it was a 'surprise' party."

Entertained a whilst.

Miss Maude Wisner entertained twelve tables at her home on Wisner avenue, Tuesday night. The favors were carnations. Fred Coughlin and Miss Beyers, of New York city, were among the guests.

Goshen Gas Light men sold.

The Goshen Gas Light Company's plant was sold, to-day, at the Court House, by Horatio S. Stewart, trustee under the mortgage, for \$10,000 to A. Vanderwerken, of Brooklyn.

Impure Blood in Spring.

This is the almost universal experience. Diminished perspiration during winter, rich foods and close confinement indoors are some of the causes. A good Spring Medicine, like Hood's Sarsaparilla, is absolutely necessary to purify the blood and put the system in a healthy condition at this season.

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DOINGS OF THE 24TH.

Indoor Rifle Practice with New Rifles—Smoker and Anniversary—Ball Teams to Visit Newburgh.

The first indoor rifle practice with the new Springfield rifles will be held, Thursday evening, when the first section will shoot for indoor qualification.

The 24th annual smoker and anniversary celebration will be held, Tuesday evening, March 29th.

The base ball and basket ball teams visit Newburgh, Friday night, to play against the teams of the Flith Separate Company.

Real Estate Notes.

—Through the agency of A. V. D. Wallace, the Henry Smith farm, near Florida, on the Goshen road, has been sold to Elihu Lovett, of Amity, for \$3,525, who will take possession immediately. The farm contains seventy-eight acres and was purchased about a week ago at referee's sale by Lewis Wilcox, of Goshen, for \$3,110.

Bernard Murphy, of Salisbury Mills, has bought the Isaac D. Place farm, situated about two miles from Washingtonville on the road to Little Brittain. Price not made public.

—At a sale in Newburgh, Saturday, to close the estate of the late James A. Patton, the farm in the town of Newburgh, containing 110 acres, sold for \$1,525.

Musical and Spelling Match at St. Paul's Church.

Friday evening there will be a musical and a spelling match at St. Paul's Church, for the benefit of the primary department. Twenty excellent spellers will take part, and no doubt it will be found very entertaining, judging from its success in other cities. Admission 10 cents.

79d8t THOMPSON RIDGE.

Card of Thanks.

Correspondence *Argus and Mercury*. —Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. VanKeuren wish to express their heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude to the Christian Endeavor Society and other dear friends in the community, for their kind and long sympathy during their recent bereavement, and for the tender respect to the memory of their beloved son in the bestowment of the beautiful floral offerings.

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INJURED IN A TRAIN WRECK.

GOUVIERE, N. Y., Feb. 23.—A passenger train was partially wrecked yesterday at Norwood, 40 miles north of here. Express Messenger E. A. Bowers of Rome had his right arm broken and was badly cut and bruised about the head. He probably will recover. No passengers were injured.

Harrison on Taxation.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—In an address before the Union League club yesterday ex-President Harrison declared that one of the most serious dangers threatening the country is the universal dodging of taxation. He suggested a convention of tax commissioners of the state to create a plan for equal taxation and the enforcement of the laws.

Some Alaska News.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 23.—Men returning from Dawson report that the delay in the receipt of mail and the paralysis of business are driving many to the coast. Stewart river prospectors report that there is plenty of gold there, but in an inaccessible region. Further reports of disorder and violence are received from Skagway.

George W. Simmons Killed.

NAHANT, Mass., Feb. 23.—George W. Simmons, 45 years old, proprietor of the Oak Hall clothing house, Boston, whose winter residence is on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, was accidentally shot and killed at his summer residence here.

A Scientific Discovery.

MONTREAL, Feb. 23.—The latest discovery made at McGill university is that metal filings of any kind can be compressed into perfectly useful bars which will stand as severe tests as the original bars which supplied the filings.

Suicide of a Diplomat.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 23.—Senhor H. Ventura, secretary of the Portuguese legation here, has committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver at the house of a lady with whom he had quarreled.

Many will remember her brief visit here five years ago, and her address in the First Congregational Church. She went out to Turkey with her lamented husband more than thirty years ago, and has been one of the most devoted and efficient missionaries in that country till ill health prostrated her about a year ago. She was nearly fifty-nine years of age, and leaves three children: one son in this country, one in Berlin, Germany, and her daughter who was with her during her final sickness.

RAILROAD CRIPPLES DANCE.

Ball of the Port Jervis Cripples' Association a Great Success.

The ball of the Port Jervis Cripples, Monday evening, was attended by about 800 people. The grand march was led by three men with artificial arms and two men with artificial legs. The whole affair was managed by men who have been maimed or crippled in the railroad service.

The ball yielded a considerable sum, which the cripples' association which has been formed will use as a nucleus of a fund for the relief of worthy railroad cripples.

Will Dissolve Partnership March 1st.

The firm of Wolf & Klohs will be dissolved March 1st. Neither Mr. Wolf nor Mr. Klohs is ready to announce his plans for the future.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23, '98.

Yesterday To-day Close Close

Sugar.....	127½	125½
Tobacco.....	91	89½
Chicago Gas.....	92½	91½
Nat. Lead.....	38	32½
General Electric.....	34½	33½
U. S. L. pref.....	62½	62
Tenn. Coal and Iron.....	22½	20½
A. T. & S. F.	12	11½
C. B. & Q.	65½	60½
M. & St. P.	94½	92½
N. Y.	89	87
U. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	94	92
Erie.....	14½	14½
D. and H.	111½	110
O. & W.	16	15½
Susquehanna & Western.....	31½	34½
P. & R.	20	19½
N. W.	123½	124½
L. S.	—	—
N. Y. C.	114½	113
M. P.	2½	2½
Texas.....	—	11½
U. P.	30½	29½
W. Union.....	90½	85½
L. & N.	65½	65
Manhattan.....	110½	10½
P. M.	29½	28½
Walsh, pref.....	10½	10½
No. Pacific, pref.....	62	61½
Metropolitan Traction.....	161	144
Brooklyn Rapid Transit.....	41½	39½
Southern, pref.....	29½	29
May Wheat.....	100½	105
May Corn.....	80½	80½
May Oats.....	26½	28½
May Pork.....	\$11.00	\$10.82
May Lard.....	5½	5½

*Ex. Div. 1¼ per cent.

BIDS.

FERGESSON—Near Scotchtown, Feb. 21st, '98. Charles C. Fergesson, aged thirty-five years. Funeral services Thursday morning, at eleven o'clock, at the residence of his father, John Fergesson. Interment in family plot, Scotchtown Cemetery.

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